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The breaking down an old frame of government, and erecting a new, seems like the cutting down an old oak and planting a young one: it is true, the grandson may enjoy the shade and the mast, but the planter, besides the pleasure of imagination, has no other benefit.

As a savage boar,
With forest mast and fatning marshes fed,
When once he fees himself in toils inclos'd,
Whens his tusks.

Wond'ring dolphins o'er the palace glide;
On leaves and mast of mighty oaks they brouze,
And their broad fins entangle in the boughs.

MASTED, *adj.* [from *mast*.] Furnished with masts.
MA'STER. *n. f.* [*maester*, Dutch; *maître*, French; *magister*, Latin.]

1. One who has servants; opposed to man or servant.
But now I was the lord
Of this fair mansion, *master* of my servnats,
Queen o'er myself; and even now, but now,
This house, these servants, and this same myself
Are yours my lord.

Take up thy *master*.
My lord Bassanio gave his ring away
Unto the judge that begg'd it;
The boy, his clerk, begg'd mine;
And neither man nor *master* would take aught
But the two rings.

2. A director; a governor.
If thou be made the *master* of a feast, be among them as one of the rest.
My friend, my genius, come along,
Thou *master* of the poet, and the song.

3. Owner; proprietor.
An orator, who had undertaken to make a panegyrick on Alexander the Great, and who had employed the strongest figures of his rhetoric in the praise of Bucephalus, would do quite the contrary to that which was expected from him; because it would be believed, that he rather took the horse for his subject than the *master*.

4. A lord; a ruler.
Wildom and virtue are the proper qualifications in the *master* of a house.
There Cæsar, grac'd with both Minerva's, shone,
Cæsar, the world's great *master*, and his own.

Excuse
The pride of royal blood, that checks my soul:
You know, alas! I was not born to kneel,
To sue for pity, and to own a *master*.

5. Chief; head.
Chief *master*-gunner am I of this town,
Something I must do to procure me grace.
As a wife *master*-builder I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.

6. Possessor.
The best fets are the heads got from the very tops of the root; the next are the runners, which spread from the *master* roots.

7. Commander of a trading ship.
When I have thus made myself *master* of a hundred thousand drachms, I shall naturally set myself on the foot of a prince, and will demand the grand vizier's daughter in marriage.

8. One untrouled.
The duke of Savoy may make himself *master* of the French dominions on the other side of the Rhone.
An unhappy *master* is he that is made cunning by many shipwrecks; a miserable merchant, that is neither rich nor wife, but after some bankrouths.

9. A compellation of respect.
A failor's wife had chefnuts in her lap;
Her husband's to Aleppo gone, *master* o' th' Tyger.

10. A young gentleman.
Let ev'ry man be *master* of his time
Till seven at night.
Great, and increasing; but by sea
He is an absolute *master*.

11. One who teaches; a teacher.
Very few men are wife by their own counsel, or learned

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by their own teaching; for he that was only taught by himself had a fool to his *master*.
To the Jews join the Egyptians, the first *masters* of learning.

12. A man eminently skilful in practice or science.
The great mocking *master* mock'd not then,
When he said, 'Truth was buried here below.

13. A title of dignity in the universities; as, *master* of arts.
He that does not pretend to paintings, is not touched at the commendation of a *master* in that profession.
No care is taken to improve young men in their own language, that they may thoroughly understand, and be *masters* of it.

14. A title of dignity in the universities; as, *master* of arts.
To MA'STER. *v. a.* [from the noun.]
1. To be a *master* to; to rule; to govern.
Ay, good faith,
And rather father thee, than *master* thee.

2. To conquer; to overpower; to subdue.
Thrice blessed they that *master* to their blood,
To undergo such maiden pilgrimage.

3. To execute with skill.
I do not take myself to be so perfect in the transactions and privileges of Bohemia, as to be fit to handle that part: and I will not offer at that I cannot *master*.

MA'STERDOM. *n. f.* [from *master*.] Dominion; rule. Not in use.
You shall put
This night's great business into my dispatch,
Which shall to all our nights and days to come
Give solely sovereign sway and *masterdom*.

MA'STER-HAND. *n. f.* The hand of a man eminently skilful.
Mulick resembles poetry, in each
Are nameless graces which no methods teach,
And which a *master-hand* alone can reach.

MA'STER-JEST. *n. f.* Principal jest.
Who shall break the *master-jest*,
And what, and how, upon the rest.

MA'STER-KEY. *n. f.* The key which opens many locks, of which the subordinate keys open each only one.
This *master-key*
Frees every lock, and leads us to his person.

MA'STER-LEAVER. *n. f.* One that leaves or deserts his *master*.
Oh Antony,
Nobler than my revolt is infamous,
Forgive me in thine own particular;
But let the world rank me in register
A *master-leaver*, and a fugitive.

MA'STER-SINEW. *n. f.*
The *master-sinew* is a large sinew that surrounds the hough, and divides it from the bone by a hollow place, where the wind-galls are usually seated, which is the largest and most visible sinew in a horse's body; this oftentimes is relaxed or restrained.

MA'STER-STRING. *n. f.* Principal string.
He touch'd me
Ev'n on the tend'rest point; the *master-string*
That makes most harmony or discord to me.
I own the glorious subject fires my breast.

MA'STER-STROKE. *n. f.* Capital performance.
Ye skilful *masters* of Machaon's race,
Who nature's mazy intricacies trace;
Tell how your search has here eluded been,
How oft amaz'd, and ravish'd you have been,
The conduct, prudence, and stupendous art,
And *master-strokes* in each mechanic part.

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MA'STERLESS. *adj.* [from *master*.]
1. Wanting a *master* or owner.
When all was past took up his forlorn weed,
His silver shield now idle *masterless*.

2. Ungoverned; unbounded.
You had of her pure honour, gains, or losses,
Your sword or mine; or *masterless* leaves both
To who shall find them.

3. MA'STERLINESS. *n. f.* [from *masterly*.] Eminent skill.
MA'STERLY. *adv.* With the skill of a *master*.
Thou dost speak *masterly*

4. MA'STERLY. *adj.* [from *master*.]
1. Suitable to a *master*; artful; skilful.
As for the warmth of fancy, the *masterly* figures, and the copiousness of imagination, he has exceeded all others.

2. MA'STERPIECE. *n. f.* [from *master* and *piece*.]
1. Capital performance; any thing done or made with extraordinary skill.
This is the *masterpiece*, and most excellent part, of the work of reformation, and is worthy of his majesty's pains.

2. Chief excellence.
Beating up of quarters was his *masterpiece*.
Diffimulation was his *masterpiece*; in which he so much excelled, that men were not alhamed with being deceived but twice by him.

3. MA'STERSHIP. *n. f.* [from *master*.]
1. Dominion; rule; power.
2. Superiority; pre-eminence.
For Python slain he Pythian games decreed,
Where noble youths for *mastership* should strive,
To quito, to run, and steeds and chariots drive.

4. Skill; knowledge.
Two youths of royal blood, renown'd in fight,
The *mastership* of heav'n in face and mind.

5. A title of ironical respect.
How now, Signior Launce? what news with your *master-ship*?
Shaksp. *Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

MA'STER-TEETH. *n. f.* [from *master* and *teeth*.] The principal teeth.
Some living creatures have their *master-teeth* indented one within another like faws; as lions and dogs.

MA'STERWORT. *n. f.* [from *master*, and *wort*, Saxon.]
The *masterwort* is a plant with a rose and umbellated flower, consisting of several petals, which are sometimes heart-shaped, and sometimes intire, ranged in a circle, and resting on the empalement; which afterward becomes a fruit, composed of two seeds, which are plain, almost oval, gently streaked and bordered, and generally casting their cover; to these marks must be added, that their leaves are winged, and pretty large: the root is used in medicine.

MA'STERWORT is raised of seeds, or runners from the roots.
MA'STERLESS. *adj.* [from *master*.]
1. Dominion; rule.
If divided by mountains, they will fight for the *masterly* of the passages of the tops, and for the towns that stand upon the roots.

2. Superiority; pre-eminence.
If a man strive for *masterless*, yet is he not crowned except he thrive lawfully.
This is the case of those that will try *masterless* with their superiors, and bite that which is too hard.

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Good men I suppose to live in a state of mortification, under a perpetual conflict with their bodily appetites, and struggling to get the *masterly* over them.

3. Skill.
Chief *masterly* to dissect,
With long and tedious havock, fabled knights,
In battles feign'd.

4. Attainment of skill or power.
The learning and *masterly* of a tongue being unpleasant in itself, should not be cumbered with any other difficulties.

MA'STRUL. *adj.* [from *mastr*.] Abounding in mast, or fruit of oak, beech or chefnut.
Some from seeds inclos'd on earth arise,
For thus the *mastrful* chefnut mates the skies.

MA'STRICATIO. *n. f.* [*mastricatio*, Lat.] The act of chewing.
In birds there is no *mastrication*, or comminution of the meat in the mouth; but in such as are not carnivorous it is immediately swallowed into the crop or craw, and thence transferred into the gizzard.

MA'STRICATORY. *n. f.* [*mastricatoire*, French.] A medicine to be chewed only, not swallowed.
Remember *mastricatories* for the mouth.
Salivation and *mastricatories* evacuate considerably; salivation many pints of phlegm in a day, and very much by chewing tobacco.

MA'STICH. *n. f.* [*mastric*, French.]
1. A kind of gum gathered from trees of the same name in Scia.
We may apply intercipients upon the temples of *mastric*; frontals may also be applied.

2. A kind of mortar or cement.
As for the small particles of brick and stone, the least moistness would join them together, and turn them into a kind of *mastric*, which those insects could not divide.

MA'STRICOT. *n. f.* [*marum*, Latin.] See MASSICOT.
Grind your *mastricot* with a small quantity of saffron in gum water.
Mastricot is very light, because it is a very clear yellow, and very near to white.

MA'STUFF. *n. f.* [*mastrives*, plural. [*mastrin*, French; *mastrino*, Italian.] A dog of the largest size; a bandog; dogs kept to watch the house.
As savage bull, whom two fierce *mastrives* bait,
When rancour doth with rage him once engore,
Forgets with wary ward them to await,
But with his dreadful horns them drives afore.

MA'STUFF. *n. f.* [*mastrives*, plural. [*mastrin*, French; *mastrino*, Italian.] A dog of the largest size; a bandog; dogs kept to watch the house.
When we knock at a farmer's door, the first answer shall be his vigilant *mastruff*.
Soon as Ulysses near th' enclosure drew,
With open mouths the furious *mastrives* flew.

MA'STUFF. *n. f.* [*mastrives*, plural. [*mastrin*, French; *mastrino*, Italian.] A dog of the largest size; a bandog; dogs kept to watch the house.
Let the *mastruffs* amuse themselves about a sheep's skin stuffed with hay, provided it will keep them from worrying the flock.

MA'STUFF. *n. f.* [*mastrives*, plural. [*mastrin*, French; *mastrino*, Italian.] A dog of the largest size; a bandog; dogs kept to watch the house.
Bearing no mast.
Her shining hair, uncomb'd, was loosely spread,
A crown of *mastruffs* oak adorn'd her head.

MA'STUFF. *n. f.* [*mastrives*, plural. [*mastrin*, French; *mastrino*, Italian.] A dog of the largest size; a bandog; dogs kept to watch the house.
Mixed corn; as, wheat and rye.
The other for one lofe hath twaine
Of *mastrin*, of rie and of wheat.

MA'STUFF. *n. f.* [*mastrives*, plural. [*mastrin*, French; *mastrino*, Italian.] A dog of the largest size; a bandog; dogs kept to watch the house.
A texture of sedge, flags, or rushes.
The women and children in the west of Cornwall make mats of a small and fine kind of bents there growing, which serve to cover floors and walls.

MA'STUFF. *n. f.* [*mastrives*, plural. [*mastrin*, French; *mastrino*, Italian.] A dog of the largest size; a bandog; dogs kept to watch the house.
In the worst inn's worst room, with mat half hung,
The floors of plaister, and the walls of dung.

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To MAT. *v. a.* [from the noun.]
1. To cover with mats.
Keep the doors and windows of your conservatories well matted, and guarded from the piercing air.

2. To twist together; to join like a mat.
I on a fountain light,
Whose brim with pinks was platted;
The banks with daffadillies dight,
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